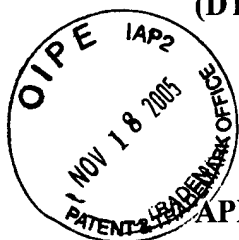


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**COMMUNICATION**

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated November 14, 2005, and setting forth one-month period for response. The Notice points out an incorrect arrangement of the section of amendment to the claims in the amendment filed on August 19, 2005.

Applicants submit herewith the section of the amendment to the claims on separate sheets. Also submitted is the section amendment to the specification.

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